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That in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ

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ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Fredrik A. Schiotz

Glorious is Thy Name
Almighty Lord

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All the angels stand
round about thy throne

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Let all nations
bow before Thee

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Lord we thank Thee
for Thy great glory

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Blessing and honor
be to God
forever and ever.

OUR FATHER in heaven, we pause on this Pentecost Day to praise Thy Providence, which has shaped and used The Evangelical Lutheran Church during the past four decades.

Thou didst move our forebears to leave the distant coasts of Europe to begin a new life in a strange but fruitful land. Thou didst give our fathers a spirit of faith, venturesomeness, initiative, and perseverance in wresting from the land the riches Thou didst provide.

By Thy Holy Spirit men were moved to proclaim the Word, and congregations were born. Thou didst cause congregations to seek each other in the fellowship of synods, that strength for the Kingdom's work might be multiplied. Ever active to increase fruitfulness in Thy Vineyard, Thy Holy Spirit didst prick the hearts of our fathers so that three Churches covenanted with each other and forty years ago became one Church.

Today, we who all these years have walked in the fruit of their labors, do thank, praise, and adore Thy Holy Name! Forgive the sin which doth so easily beguile us, that we may be delivered from evil. Pardon our slothfulness in using the opportunities Thou has placed before us. Preserve us from all bitterness and hardness of heart. Renew our willingness to walk in the light of Thy Word. Let our life and testimony be savored with Thy salt.

As we lift our voices in thanksgiving this day, we see June 9, 1917, as a day that is moving out of the past and into the future. Once again, Thou hast touched the hearts of our people, causing them to reach forward toward a new union of Churches. As we now fix our eyes upon 1960, preserve us from any adoration of size, make us to know that there is no effective power in the Kingdom other than the power of Thy Holy Spirit. Help us to see organization in relation to stewardship, and stewardship in relation to Thy "whosoever believeth."

As we pray for ourselves, we would remember also all them that love Thy appearing, and particularly our brethren in other Lutheran Churches in our land. Satisfy us all with Thy mercy and let Thy good pleasure be accomplished in us.

"Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

This Memoried Hour

What sweet enrichment,
what abundant yields
Have now been harvested
from widespread fields
Of unity
and trust-born brotherhood!
With rocklike permanence
our faith withstood
The battering of storms—
and seeds, love-sown,
Prayer-nourished, set deep roots.
The fields have known
Enlargement; God-empowered
souls who tilled
The waiting acres
saw high hopes fulfilled.

Now further miracles
await the land:
A broader fellowship
that can expand
To far horizons,
setting ploughshares deep;
New, multiplied resources
that can keep
The tools for better tillage
clean and bright;
And no more loss
through schism-splintered might.
What fruitful harvests,
what unequalled power
Our God is offering us
this memoried hour!

—GERTRUDE HANSON

Altar of Central Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon

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As Your Days.

Pentecost—third great festival of the Christian Year—day when the Holy Spirit was poured out—birthday of the Church—always beloved as a fitting day for the service of Confirmation of the young—often chosen for the service of Ordination. One of the mountain top days of the Christian Church, but too often neglected.

Pentecost, June 9, 1957—the fortieth anniversary of the birth of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. It loses none of the attributes of any Pentecost. For us who are members of the ELC, it merely takes on for this one year added significance. The fact that the exact date of our anniversary is Pentecost is merely a happy coincidence, but one which we hope the congregations will make use of. Every ELC church should in some way take cognizance of 40 years of God's grace and guidance, with prayer that the years to come will also be with His benediction.

Over the past several months, a series of semi-historical editorials has been appearing on these pages, pointing toward this anniversary. The attempt has been to demonstrate that The Evangelical Lutheran Church has been used by God in the service of His Kingdom; that, despite obvious weaknesses and failings, we have been a growing Church, an advancing Church, a forward-looking Church. If we have over-glorified the Church we love, the series has been a failure; if we have stirred the hearts of people to greater Kingdom zeal, the series has been a success.

The weakness of most anniversary observances is that they tend to turn the eyes back along memory's way and lead only to reminiscence. No one who loves The Evangelical Lutheran Church can be blamed for dwelling lovingly on what it has meant to him. For all of us whose life in the Church has encompassed most of those 40 years, these memories will be forever dear.

We shall always remember with a smile and a tug at the heart strings the old saint of God who on his deathbed thanked God for the joyous years he had had in the service of the ELC. But he added wistfully, "I wish I could attend just one more convention of the old Hauge Synod!" That is so human and understandable. When the Church we love has given its li order to regain it in a larger fellowship, no many of us will long back to the days of the goo ELC.

On this our fortieth anniversary two thoughts and blend. On the one hand is our remembrance c past, with thanksgiving to the God who has le all these years. On the other hand is the long ahead, a look made all the more poignant as we re the imminence of the union which, please God, bring into being a new fellowship that will, with passing of the years, become just as dear as has the fellowship of the past forty years—yes, as wa fellowship within the three church bodies which their lives that our present fellowship might be bor

The words which form the title of these comm are familiar. They are taken from the farewell of M to his beloved people of Israel. God gave Moses a pr et's eye that day; He lifted the veil of the fu Therefore Moses did not need to dwell on the fac the past, except as they foreshadowed the days that to be. It was an unforgettable scene: Over yonde Promised Land; back there the Wilderness thr which the people had so long journeyed. Between past and the future stand the Chosen People of God chapter of their place in His plans completed, a chapter about to begin.

What a farewell address it was! It began with people as a whole: "Yea, he loved his people; all t consecrated to him were in his hand"—a confes which any Christian individual or group will echo day. Then came the particulars: for each tribe a sp prophecy, a special admonition, a special word of couragement. Then, at the close, the whole peopl gathered under one benediction: "Happy are you Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, shield of your help, and the sword of your triump

One of the texts especially beloved at anniversa is taken from the prophecy to two of the tribes reads: "And as your days, so shall your strength be The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underne are the everlasting arms." Could not that well be

**On this Pentecost Day,
we thank God for what has been,
for what shall be . . .**

o Your Strength

The Editor

ge of the Word to The Evangelical Lutheran
h on this anniversary date—Pentecost, June 9,

very real sense, we too stand on the river bank peer-
ver into a new and promised land. Ordinarily, we
probably have delayed our anniversary observ-
ten years, until 1967, when we could have cele-
a Golden Jubilee. It is well known why the for-
nniversary was chosen instead. When the fiftieth
ersary comes, the ELC will be no more. A new
h will then have been in existence for several years.
a literal sense, we stand today squarely between
py yesterday and a promising tomorrow.

ncerning yesterday little need be said here. After
uch of the material in the series on "The Church
ove" looked over the shoulder to view the way we
come. Suffice it that we remind ourselves that
o have learned that "He loved his people; all
consecrated to him were in his hand." Or, to
another beloved passage, "Hitherto has the Lord
us." The evidence lies in what God has used us
n spite of failings and faults, in spite of errors
itted and opportunities neglected, as our years,
s been our strength. Never have the everlasting
been removed; always they have been our stay
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are more concerned about tomorrow. We know
re of what the new day will bring than the peo-
Israel knew of the Promised Land which lay
them. Yet we, as they, know all that we need
ow. We know that God's promises are not ter-
; what He promised our fathers forty years ago,
omises us. We know that opportunities as yet but
ned—and only partly that—lie before us. We know
e new Church will begin its work in a day when
are opened wide. And, above all, we know that
row, like yesterday, will bring us strength com-
rate with need; that the everlasting arms will
pport, the pillar of fire guide. Knowing all that,
ve ask to know more?

Many of those who read these lines are not going to get very far beyond the Jordan which separates yesterday from tomorrow; some will never see the other shore. Neither did Moses. Another hand penned the closing words of the book of Deuteronomy, and recorded that God said to Moses, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." Then comes the statement, "So Moses the servant of the Lord died there."

Shall we not agree that the greatest block to full joy at the thought of the coming union is a personal consideration, a feeling of impending loss? That is not true of the young people of course. They can easily learn to know the Promised Land across the river. They will fit into its life and thought, they can grasp its promises and potentialities. Not so those whose lives have been lived in the framework of the Church as it is today. Oh, to be sure, even they will learn to be happy in it. But it is difficult to pull up roots which have thrived and grown for forty years.

Is that important? Not at all. The Church is timeless and ageless; it depends for its growth and prosperity upon no single generation. What is sometimes said about one branch of the Church is true of the entire Church: "The Church thinks in centuries." The chapter of Deuteronomy which tells of the death of Moses tells also of the appointment of his successor. Only one word separates the close of the story of Moses' death from the beginning of the story of his successor Joshua.

So on this Pentecost Day, June 9, 1957, we thank God for what has been, for what shall be. We remember in gratitude those whose consecrated vision brought forth the Church we love. We are humbly grateful that we too have been found worthy of a place in the vineyard. And above all we praise God's holy Name because, even now, He is preparing those who shall bear the heat and burden of tomorrow.

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Report of the First Convention of The Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.

THE three united synods met at the armory, and marched thence to the auditorium. Hauge Synod led march with Governor Peter Norbeck of South Dakota and his father, the venerable Rev. G. Norbeck, as color bearers. Next in order came the members of the Norwegian Synod with Mr. Berg of Galesville as color bearer. Last came the members of the United Church with Mr. Oley Nelson and Rev. N. E. Boe, two Civil War veterans, as color bearers. The order of march was as follows: Officers of the United Church, The Theological Faculty, Board of Trustees, editors of the church papers, managers of institutions, officers of the Young People's League, pioneer pastors, other pastors, and lay delegates.

The following report of the exercises on Saturday morning was written by Rev. Gustav Stearns of Milwaukee for one of the city papers.

"The greatest church demonstration ever held by Norwegians and those of Norwegian descent in the world, not excluding Norway, was held in St. Paul today.

The occasion was the uniting of three branches of the Norwegian Lutheran Church which have been severed for twenty-seven years.

Nearly 15,000 persons endeavored to enter the St. Paul Auditorium to take part. The exercises were to open in the Auditorium at 10 A. M. At 9:30 the doors were locked except to the pastors and official delegates, who were in a parade from the Armory.

When the Auditorium was reached the sight which greeted the marchers was inspiring from a patriotic, religious and musical standpoint.

In front of them just above the stage were two huge American flags. Beneath the flags was the great jubilee chorus of approximately 2,000 voices, composed of young people in church choirs from all parts of the country. To the right, below the stage was the famous Luther College concert band of 60 instruments from Decorah, Iowa, which is known in all parts of this country and Norway. Prof. Carlo A. Sparati is director of this band.

The galleries were filled and many were standing. Ten minutes before the appointed time everything was in readiness for the beginning of the epoch-making program. The vast audience, led by the jubilee chorus and accompanied by the Luther College band, arose and sang the Te Deum in Norwegian, "We Praise Thee, O Lord."

The audience remained standing while the Rt. Rev. T. H. Dahl, D. D., who for fifteen years has been president of the largest of the three united bodies, read Ps 130. After this the Rt. Rev. H. G. Stub, D.D., offe a prayer. He prayed not only for God's blessing on union which was about to take place, but he prayed for God's blessing upon this united nation, which is engaged in a great conflict.

After the prayer the entire audience remained stand and repeated in unison the Apostles' creed and the Lo Prayer. Rev. J. J. Ekse, of the Hauge Synod, led part of the service. This was followed with an add by the Right Rev. C. J. Eastvold, representing the Ha Synod. He chose as his text Psalm 118, verse "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. bless you from the House of the Lord."

The Rt. Rev. H. G. Stub, D.D., president of the N wegian Synod, selected as his text Psalm 126. In eloquent manner he compared the present occasion the pilgrimage of today on the streets of St. Paul v the pilgrimage of the children of Israel, when they turned from their captivity in Babylon. He said in p

"'Great things hath the Lord done for us, and th fore we rejoice.' Many are today asking themselves question: 'Is this that we are experiencing here to real or is it only a dream?' For many years we were gaged in a battle against each other. It was a hard tle, but it was an honorable battle. Some of us beli that we were in the right and we defended that posit We had a right to do that. It was the only honor thing we could do, but the Lord has shown us that others of us were also in the right, and now we are to realize that we are confessing the same thing. would be a sin to remain apart."

Rev. Mr. Dahl selected as his text Psalm 118, "Thi the Day the Lord Hath Made, Let Us Rejoice in He said in part: "We gather here around the cross Jesus. The purpose of this union not only is to f a large outward organization, but it is to do work in vineyard of the Lord. We are to march forward plant the cross of Jesus in as many places as possi even in the distant kingdoms of the world."

After the addresses Rev. Mr. Eastvold moved Dahl as temporary chairman. He was elected by convention unanimously. Prof. M. O. Wee of the Ha Synod was elected temporary secretary.

At this point Dr. Dahl called on Governor J. A. Burnquist. There was a great demonstration as

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Forty Years Ago...

Excerpts
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"choral union"—the combined
of the Norwegian Lutheran
(1,500 singers)—gave a con-
Saturday evening of the con-
. Conductors were Professor
Dahle and Professor F. Melius
nsen. They were assisted by the
f College band and soloists.
s of the concert ($2,021.01)
ven to the Red Cross.
e Sunday morning service, the
nion sang under the direction
essor Carlo A. Sperati, and the

College band played the hymns.
porter says, "But with an audi-
f approximately 8,000 people
it was often impossible to hear
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not a slam at the band, but it
s the size of the auditorium
volume of song."
e afternoon Reformation Festi-
Minneapolis Symphony orches-
ed the prelude and the orches-
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directed by F. Melius Christian-
rds by Rev. Wilhelm Pettersen
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nglish Work

lish did not get much consider-
this meeting. Those who felt
spoke in English both at the general meetings, and at the district meetings. But on the Sunday program, for example, all the speaking was in Norwegian at all three sessions. This is probably the last time that a similar arrangement will be followed. With the use of English coming on at a tremendous pace in the churches, it takes no prophet to say that soon the language of this country will hold a prominent place also in our synodical and district conventions."

(Peter Norbeck, then the governor of South Dakota, was one of the delegates. Called upon to address the convention, he apologized for having to address them in English!)

It was announced that "English translations" of the district constitutions would be ready by Oct. 1. Also an abbreviated report of the proceedings of the meeting was to be prepared in English to sell for 15 cents.

Editorial Notes

"In these war times it seems quite fitting that everyone know the national anthems. We have published both, 'America' and 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in these columns. Let us all memorize them."

"The two leading St. Paul newspapers were very stingy in giving space to this convention. . . . The United Church has in the past at several conventions had much more newspaper space than this great union convention got."

Schools

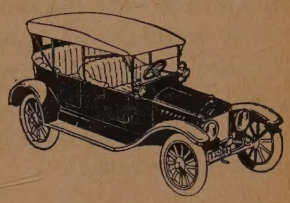
From a report on Columbia College in Everett, Wash. (It was agreed at the convention that Columbia should be amalgamated with Pacific Lutheran Academy in Parkland, Wash.):

" . . . we consider that our idyllic environment and our superb view are the two factors which, next to the Christian atmosphere of the school, will do most to produce that soulfulness of character in which the present generation of Americans are said to be sadly lacking.

"Students of either sex are admitted. . . . Students are received at any time, but are strongly advised to enter at the beginning of a semester. . . . Students are received as ladies and gentlemen, and they are expected to conduct themselves as Christian men and women. Their conduct and habits are given careful attention."

News Notes

Palestine church in Huxley and Nazareth church in Cambridge, Iowa, recently gave their pastor, Rev. P. Buland, and wife the sum of $800. This



was for an automobile to be used by the pastor in the service of these churches.

Augsburg Publishing House has this year also published the Gopher, the annual of the University of Minnesota. The work on this book places this house in the very front rank as printers and binders.

The pastors of the United Church paid $7,418.82 for railroad tickets going to and returning from this convention. The average fare was the highest that it has ever been: $18.50.

Jokes

"But, Captain Hawley," said the handsome Miss Plute coquettishly, "will you love me when I grow old and ugly?"

"My dear Miss Plute," answered the captain gallantly, "you may grow older, but you will never grow uglier."

And he wondered why their friendship ceased so suddenly.

Lady Teacher: "Who can make a sentence with the word 'gruesome' in it?"

Little Willie: "I can! The man stopped shaving and 'gruesome' whiskers."

"Forget Not All His Benefits"

The Anniversary Thankoffering

The service folder which has been prepared for use on Anniversary Sunday, June 9, centers about the familiar words of the Psalm: "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . and forget not all his benefits." A similar passage might have been used: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." Either verse will serve to emphasize the various aspects of a Christian anniversary festivity. It is to be a time of remembrance, a time of acknowledgement, a time of commitment. If any one of those phases is neglected, the anniversary is incomplete.

It is particularly the third of those which concerns us here. Some time ago, the Church Council and the Board of Trustees addressed a request to the Department of Stewardship that the matter of a possible Anniversary Thankoffering be studied and that plans for such an offering be formulated.

A dozen special projects no doubt presented themselves as possibilities. These were, however, laid aside, and the recommendation of the Department of Stewardship is simplicity itself. In brief, it is that there be a special offering in every congregation, the proceeds to be given toward the regular benevolence budget of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

At first glance, there is nothing very exciting or stimulating about such a suggestion. Yet, the more one thinks about it, the more engaging one finds it. It is coincidence that our Anniversary Year brings a new approach to the Budget of the Church. No longer are there specific allocations to the congregations. In place of that time-honored device, the Church is asking each congregation to set its own "challenging goal" and to report its hopes and intentions to the Department of Stewardship.

It will be readily seen that this represents quite a venture of faith. We have been leaning on the "crutch" of allocations for forty years. The question is whether we have now attained the maturity in our stewardship of giving which makes such artificial aids unnecessary. An Anniversary Thankoffering given to the benevolence program of the Church will serve to remind us th give, not because we have been "allocated" a sum it is our duty to give, but that we give in glad res to "all His benefits" toward us.

A second consideration may also well have influ the decision. At the same time the Church vot do away with "allocations," it also decided to using the budget pattern which will prevail in the Church. That includes a "Part III" of the Budge titled "The Advance Program." Its purpose is to pr for various capital expenditures (such as the buildi student centers on non-Lutheran campuses and a our own colleges with their essential building progr It also includes several items which look directly ward to the union. Included is a sum of money fo so-called "Working Capital Fund" of the new Chu fund which will insure that the new Church will a be able to operate on a cash basis. Provision is made for our share of a sum which will be needed ing the period of transition from the old Church t new. It appears to us that an offering to those during our Anniversary Year is particularly fitting

Most important, however, is the fact that the off —for whatever purpose it is used—is an outlet fo gratitude to God for forty years of grace and fo assurance that He will be with us in the future a has been in the past. All the elements which ente a successful anniversary festivity are thus involved i offering. There is remembrance of the days that are we thank Him who has guided and guarded us the long years. There is acknowledgement; we received so much more than we have deserved! there is commitment; we who have experienced so grace and mercy can do no less than to commit selves to faithful service for the years to come.

Pastors and congregations have already received mation as to materials available to assist them in p ration for the Anniversary Thankoffering. These be had by addressing the Department of Steward 422 South Fifth St., Minneapolis 15, Minn.

LWF Photo

A Volkswagen Omnibus carries this LWF team to the hundreds of camps, hostels, and inns in Austria where 60,000 Hungarian refugees are housed. Left to right are Vicar Attila Szilas, Hungarian Lutheran theology student; Miss Katalin Kveck, Hungarian refugee who serves as translator; Sister Maria Winkelmann from Germany; Sister Barbro Sjoberg from Sweden; and Mr. Gross, an Austrian driver.

A Flying Team of Christian Aid

A. Jean Olson

two deaconesses striding purposefully along the road between buildings at Kaisersteinbruch camp Vienna drew many stares from the Hungarian es lining the pathway. The one was tall and fair; rched white cap had a bit of lace around the edge r long uniform was a light grey. The other was , more motherly in appearance with a heavy niform, a plain white cap and a warm expression belied the stiffness of her dress.

de them walked a very tall young man who was sly Hungarian, taking one long step for every three of his companions. A little behind them d a small young lady, dark and pretty and also arian.

four entered the YMCA barracks set up near the of the camp where a room had been reserved m. Since it was noontime, they first ate a solid of thick pea soup, bread and tea which was camp r that meal. Then they proceeded to arrange the or their work in a manner signifying that this daily experience for them. Chairs were brought in, writer set up in front of the dark girl and various looking papers were spread out on the table.

announcement in Hungarian went out over the eaker into every building housing the 1,400 refu- Kaisersteinbruch, a former military camp of the an government.

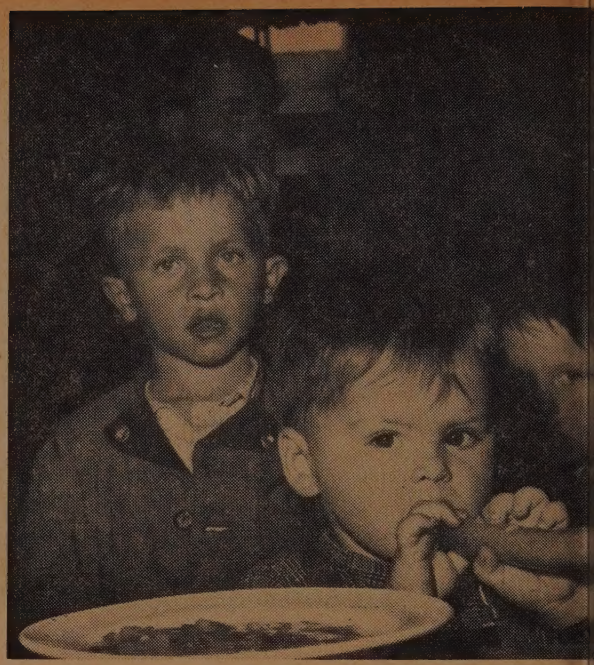
"All Protestants are asked to go to the YMCA barracks to be interviewed by a visiting team of church workers," the loudspeaker blared out.

Within minutes, the hall outside the room reserved for the church workers was full and the refugees waited patiently for the time to come when they could enter. They were used to lines and waiting.

Family by family or one by one, depending on how they came over the border, the refugees came in and poured out their problems into the sympathetic ears of Sister Barbro Sjöberg from Stockholm, Sister Maria Winkelmann from the Rhineland, Vicar Attila Szilas and Miss Katalin Kveck from Hungary.

A father described as a brave Freedom Fighter by one of the camp leaders asked how he could emigrate to Canada and provide a home for his little girl. The mother had been killed in Budapest. A young man came in with a pale, unhealthy-looking girl. She was Roman Catholic and he was Lutheran and they wanted to get married. Weddings are an important part of pastoral care in refugee camps.

A 17-year-old boy came in to beg that he be sent to America on the same ship as his friend in another camp—and he became angry when told it could not be arranged at this late date. A couple came in, bitter and hurt because someone had denounced them as being members of the Hungarian Secret Police and had spoiled



Part of the mobile team's work is to determine the material needs of the refugees. Here a mother and son wait for clothing to be distributed, and a young boy enjoys his sausage.

their chances for emigration to Canada. They swore the charges were false, their faces contorted with emotion while telling the story.

It was such a relief for these people to talk with someone who was so obviously there to try and help them spiritually as well as materially and perhaps their spiritual and psychological needs are greater. Many of these refugees had seldom if ever been in a church and may never again seek contact with the church. Such is the damage wrought by an atheistic system which permeates their upbringing. But still, the church had reached them in this camp and their obvious gratefulness at the sympathy and understanding shown them was fertile missionary ground. The church workers could only hope and pray that when the refugees resettle, this seed planted during camp interviews could be cultivated by understanding Christians in receiving countries.

Counseling Isn't All

Counseling wasn't the only task performed that day among the 50 persons interviewed. Preliminary registration for resettlement of several families to other countries was prepared by Miss Kveck. This information would be turned over to the Lutheran World Federation's resettlement office in Vienna for further processing. Bibles and church literature were given out to those who requested them. Because another refugee pastor was arranging a worship service for that evening, none was planned by the visitors although they usually hold a service during their stay. Often they give Bible studies and teach confirmation classes too. They asked camp officials about the material needs i camp—clothing, foodstuffs, medicines etc. Where a is expressed, this is reported to Evangelical Hilf headquarters in Vienna, the Protestant church agency in Austria, which sends out truck loads o requested aid from stores received from Prot churches and organizations throughout the worl

The church workers in Kaisersteinbruch were bers of what in Austria is known as an "Ecum Flying Team." Their "Team" was one of six pre visiting refugee camps throughout the country on b of the Protestant churches and providing a spi ministry and relief services which are described by staff officers in Austria as "the best idea we've ha in helping the Hungarians.

The idea actually came from a combination of persons, Dr. Hans Luther from the Church of Ba Germany; the Rev. Theodore Hartig, who was Senior Representative in Austria at the time (UL and Kirchenrat Karl Nagengast from the Germa theran World Service office in Stuttgart. They t over the situation in Vienna last November, partic the problems of the thousands of Hungarian ref staying in hundreds of out-of-the-way camps few social workers, resettlement interviewers or c representatives arrived. They called in Paul Laufer the LWF-Hilfswerk office in Munich, himself a refugee from Hungary, who made a quick survey o situation. The obvious thing to do was to set up m

ing" teams of church workers who could visit amps, counsel the refugees on their problems, de- e their material needs, register them for resettle- and above all, let them know that their church what happens to them.

Laufer was put in charge of organizing the and obtaining personnel. Pastor Hartig, Kirchen- agengast and Dr. Luther began looking for the to finance the operation. The Lutheran World tion agreed to pay the costs of two teams. The h of Bavaria in Germany took over another plus ministrative costs for Mr. Laufer. Hilfswerk of vangelical Church in Switzerland (HEKS) took ourth, the Methodist churches in Germany a fifth e World Council of Churches a sixth.

kswagen and a Typewriter

n team is given a Volkswagen omnibus and a iter. Each team consists of a deaconess who is in of the work, a Hungarian pastor or theology t, an interpreter (usually a Hungarian refugee), tlement interviewer and a driver-handyman. Team uarters are located in Vienna (two teams), Graz, Innsbruck and Villach from which the teams fan ch day to cover the country and its hundreds of , hostels and inns where the 60,000 Hungarian es in Austria are housed.

Flying Teams work under the "umbrella" of the an Evangelical Hilfswerk and the central head- rs are in the Hilfswerk offices in Vienna. They lose contact with church superintendents and local s in the various dioceses covered by the teams so he local congregations are notified of the work done and can cooperate where needed in providing facilities for them. Each team arranges to visit large camps at least every two weeks and smaller camps once a month so that a continual contact with the refugee is kept and renewed each time.

"So often the refugees are met by a social worker who then seems to forget their existence," one team member said. "We are greeted more enthusiastically the second and third time we come than the first, because then they really know we are looking after them and concerned for their welfare."

When the refugees move to another camp or resettle to another country they are asked to fill out change-of-address cards to notify the central office. Card files of all Protestant refugees interviewed are kept by the team supervisor with notes on vital statistics and special problems or needs of the family. These files have proved invaluable for locating special persons, such as students for scholarships, TB cases for institutions and persons to receive aid packages sent by individuals who wish to write to the recipients.

The work is very strenuous, mentally and physically, for the team members. But, as Mr. Laufer reported, he has to force them to take a few days' rest while someone substitutes in order that they have an opportunity to recuperate from the strain. They don't want to leave their work, he says. Some of them have called their team duties the most important Christian service they have performed.

How long will the work last? Mr. Laufer expects to spend most of this year with the teams. Their work in Austria will end when the needs are met and the Hungarian refugees can be moved to homes instead of camps.

Ludwig, head of the ffice at Innsbruck, lis- the problems of young ian refugees. Directing tivities for all of west- tria, Ludwig handles a of welfare projects, curing separate hous- these teen-age girls to ng a Hungarian weekly distribution in camps.

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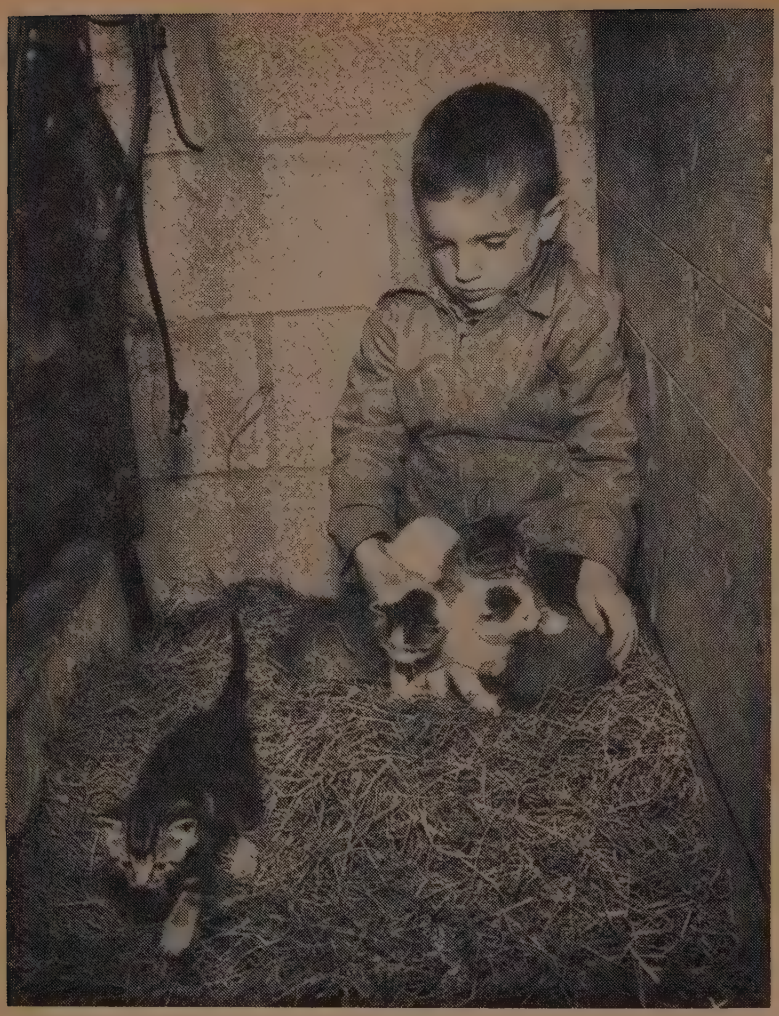
Norman Lunde, Superintendent
Svee Memorial Home,
Fargo, N. Dak.



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A Negro spiritual tells us that a child is mighty like a rose. Dr. Cordelia Cox tells the story of a rose which can be planted in good soil or in poor soil, in fertile ground or in barren ground, with or without proper moisture and climatic conditions. Even the best rose cannot fulfill itself in healthy growth without good soil, without sunlight, and without moisture. A child cannot fulfill himself without the soil of a good family, without the sunlight of love, and without the nutrition of Christian guidance and nurture. The children who are served in our church-owned Children's Homes have been denied these blessings. They have grown toward sickness rather than health. Their attitudes are crippled. Their intellects are stunted. Their behavior is warped. It is the function of the Homes to help sick children grow toward health—physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

To grow toward physical health a child needs a good diet, a clean place to live, and the services of competent physicians and specialists. This is certainly a primary service of each Home, but it is a service which c be performed almost anywhere. It is in the reali emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth that Children's Home fulfills itself.

To grow toward emotional health a child must h continuous contact with mature Christian people. T people are the staff of the Home. Their tools are acceptance, and understanding. A love which rem strong and steady even when the child misbehaves shows the hate within himself. An acceptance of child which is clear and constant even when the ch behavior cannot be accepted. An understanding w warms and welcomes a child, even if he seems biz strange, and different.

To grow toward intellectual health, a child may a great deal of special help. Perhaps the most impo help here is in the solution of emotional problems, a child cannot learn and cannot use his gifts if h blocked by anxieties, fears, conflicts, and doubts. A his energy is spent in handling these internal forces,

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s no energy left for learning. Even when a child to learn, he may need special helps just to catch his might be a remedial teacher in reading or in etic, who will help the child attain normal achieve- for his age group and thereby help him relate fully to children of his own age group and to the . This relationship to children and to the school ntial if the child is to be happy and healthy.

grow toward spiritual health means continuous t with Christian people. Most of us have learned e Christ in our own homes by watching a Chris- other and father. Children in our homes can learn ly by the continuous Christian example and wit- f the staff. The concept of a loving father is at ien to children who have had no loving father. A annot understand that God is love, if he has never enced love.

a rewarding experience to watch a malnourished gain strength, to watch an emotionally maladjusted earn to smile and to love, to watch a failing stu- earn to enjoy school, and to watch a child find . These things are happening. Faith will bear nd if the Church does have faith in these children ave been sick, they will become well. A child does

the Home's function sick children grow to- ealth—physically, emo- spiritually.

When, it seems, everyone is saying "No" to requests from the church, it is time to start . . .

A Course for Training Leaders

Mrs. Martin Bent

Oh, I couldn't do THAT!

Have you heard anyone say it? Or have you said it yourself when you were asked to be an officer of a church group or to teach a Sunday school class or lead singing at the midweek fellowship hour?

Those words of refusal have a familiar ring for the people of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Rockford, Ill., too. That is, they used to be heard often at our church until last year when we held our first Church Leadership Training Course.

Our course is no easy solution to all problems of congregational leadership. It involves really hard work. But it's worth it.

Last summer 38 members of our congregation accepted an invitation to attend this new three-month course in leadership to be conducted by Mr. Charles Espy, a member of Good Shepherd and a speech instructor at our high school. We knew he meant business that first night when everyone who came was told that this course would last twelve weeks and meetings were for four solid hours every week. In addition we had to attend every session or make up absences by attending extra sessions.

We Learned by Doing

On the theory that one learns to speak by speaking, we had to agree to prepare 24 short talks to be given during the course of the training. Included also in the course were memory training, use of demonstration and exhibits, retelling of Bible stories, application of human relations rules, and experience in expediting group discussions. In summary, the course was planned to assist us in developing the following abilities:

—Talk easily before Sunday school classes or other church groups;

—Think on our feet and be able to speak impromptu;

—Acquire self confidence and eliminate false feriority feelings;

—Learn to get along with people through proper of effective human relations; (since husbands wives were encouraged to take the course toge it is possible that some of the lessons were ca over into the home too!);

—Quicken the memory for facts, faces and names;

—Enrich life with new attitudes, ideas, interests, horizons.

The mechanics of the course were carefully wo out and adhered to; a factor upon which the su of the course hinges. (For example: classes b *promptly* at 7:30 and bells were rung to mark the limit for each speech.)

The Results

The course was concluded with a banquet at which member delivered a two-minute speech on the sub "What I Got out of the Leadership Training Cou Every member expressed gratitude for having been g the opportunity to take the course and then went to describe how he or she had been able to overc some fear, change an undesirable speaking habit, or perience a change in attitude toward his responsib toward work in the Church.

What have been the results of the course? Its gradu have accepted calls as Sunday school teachers; have lowed their names to be placed on slates for elec offices of the congregation and its organizations; h participated in P.T.R. calls; and have talked be various church groups. The results were so good a similar course will be offered to 40 more mem this summer. There is no doubt in the minds of people at Good Shepherd that church leaders can need to be trained!

Youth's Biggest Summer!

by Rev. David Brown
Associate Youth Director, ELC

n is a League president from Wisconsin, and he's ng forward to *quite* a summer! His Bible camp ly this year, and he and several of his friends are pating new friendships with youth from other egations in his circuit who will be attending Bible in June. He has also heard from his pastor that L Caravan Team will be visiting his camp again ear, which ought to make for a rich camp week, year was any indication. He also received a letter last year's League prexy who is attending one of LC colleges, stating that he had been chosen to be nber of the first International Work Camp, spon- by the YPLL. When Tom heard they were going rway to build a Bible Camp, he made his friend ise to write at least once a week to clue him in on exciting adventure. Tom will also attend leader- school during the last week in June, so it is likely a pretty busy month. But soon after his return leadership school, he must make all the last min- reparations for the Missoula convention, July 16-21. t now he is busy scouting up a counselor to go ten from his League to this great International convention. Mr. Johnson, who was to travel with them, has been selected by the circuit to attend the Sponsor Training School the week preceding the convention, so he won't be able to travel with the gang. Tom, however, is very proud that one of their counselors was selected to receive this training. As soon as the group returns from Missoula they are to meet one of the 75 foreign youth who are coming to this country for the LWF Assembly. Tom's pastor said that this young man will be staying in the parish for a week to observe and learn, while in turn enriching the congregation from his vast wealth of Christian experience. The possibility of the foreign youth's visit got the League all steamed up about attending the LWF Assembly on Youth Day, August 24. Already Tom and five of his friends attended the near-by regional rehearsal for the 5,000-voice choir that will sing at the Youth Rally at the Assembly. Tom is looking forward to *quite* a summer! Impossible? Well, perhaps a bit far-fetched, but *not* impossible. Tom, and thousands of Leaguers like him, will have opportunities to grow this summer such as have never before been possible. Let's take a look at a few of them. . . .

Bible Camps

Nearly 22,000 Leaguers are expected to attend ELC Bible Camps this summer. This is the largest single instrument that God has ever given our Church to bring Christ to youth and youth to Christ. The Bible Camp Movement has progressed through one generation, and has affected countless youth with the call to accept the Living Christ, serve Him, and give their lives over to Him in Church-related vocations. The National Bible Camp Association, formed in January of this year, will seek to assist camps to continue the great development of this Spirit-filled Movement. Already the Association has provided a workshop for staff members, prepared various camping materials, and is presently laying plans for regional workshops for camp deans this fall. The following men have been entrusted with the ma responsibility in the new Association.

Singing is an important part of any camp program

President—Rev. David Preus
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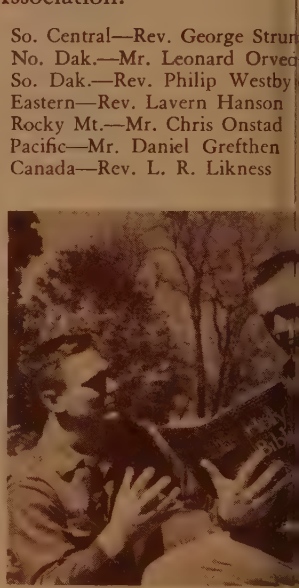
The new Bible camp symbol designed by artist Robert Nelson.

Bible Camp Caravaners

This new program is a major part of the YPLL Volunteer Services Program which recruits older youth, 18 and above, who wish to give one summer to the Lord of the Church. Six teams, each consisting of five youth, will visit over fifty camp weeks this summer. They are trained by visits of the YPLL staff to our colleges, through correspondence, and a week of briefing before embarking on their strenuous itineraries. They serve primarily as counselors, but are used in various leadership capacities, depending on the needs of the camp and the team's collective talents. The teams will spend an average of two weeks at each camp, visiting most of the 33 camps owned by ELC groups.



Bible camp is a time when Scriptures are really ope up.

Leadership Schools

Each congregation is allowed to send three of its youth leaders to one or more of the nineteen district leadership schools. This has been one of the most fruitful undertakings that has been tried in the youth movement in recent years. A concerted effort is being made this year to include every congregation in the ELC in this beneficial experience. Christian leaders are not b —they are born again. Christian leaders are not b they are made. They are created by the Spirit's livening persuasion. Our leadership schools have b places for mighty demonstrations of the Spirit's pow as well as the means for equipping our youthful lead with the tools and know-how to do their tasks.

This leadership school gang is taking a little time off from their rigorous schedule.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS FOR 1957

District	Dates	Place	Dean	Address
Eastern	June 23-29	St. Olaf	Rev. Jack Olson	Larsen, Wis.
	June 30-July 6	Luther	Rev. Norval Wigtil	Beloit, Wis.
	July 28-Aug. 3	Wheaton	Rev. Dale Larson	East Jordan, Mi
Northern Minn.	Aug. 11-17	Luther Crest	Rev. J. D. Rice	Elk River, Minn.
	Aug. 18-24	Concordia	Rev. Nyer Urness	Pequot Lakes, Mi
	Aug. 18-24	Minne-wa-kan	Rev. S. L. Simonson	Moorhead, Minn
Southern Minn.	July 29-Aug. 3	St. Olaf	Rev. Milo Engelstad	Minneapolis, Mi
	Aug. 5-10	St. Olaf	Rev. Robert Bergeson	Northfield, Minn
South Central	Aug. 4-10	Luther	Rev. I. Giellstad	Decorah, Iowa
South Dakota	Aug. 4-10	Augustana	Rev. Robert Anderson	Mitchell, S. Dak
North Dakota	July 29-Aug. 3	Dakota Academy	Rev. John Nicolai	Bismarck, N. Dak
	July 29-Aug. 3	Park River	Rev. Oliver Johnson	Hoople, N. Dak
Rocky Mt.	Aug. 4-10	Bozeman	Rev. James Hanson	Hardin, Montana
Pacific	Aug. 11-17	PLC	Rev. Luther Watness	Portland, Oregon
California	Aug. 19-24	Palo Alto	Rev. Sherman Korshavn	Long Beach, Cali
Atlantic	Aug. 26-31	Upsala College	Rev. Robert Nervig	Brooklyn New Yo
Canada	Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Camrose	Rev. Sidney Nelson	Lethbridge, Albe
	Aug. 5-10	LCBI, Outlook	Rev. A. Severson	Outlook, Sask.
	Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Camp Luther	Rev. A. B. Hagen	Vancouver, B.C.

ne Missoula Convention

July 16-21

he big event of the summer is the International ng People's Luther League convention in Missoula, ntana. These power-packed conventions have become reat tradition in the ELC. The Gospel Call has ed with clarity and finality to thousands of our h at these conventions. Milwaukee, Saskatoon, tle, San Francisco have become magic names to le occupying numerous places of responsibility in life of our Church. This year's convention, held on campus of Montana State University, will incor- te many new features in the program. For one g, the convention will be broken down from the s to some 300 individual groups for more intensive intimate fellowship in God's Word. One such break- n will occur in the mornings for the purpose of ying the convention passage, I Peter 1—2:12. The vention will also be divided in the afternoon for a ussion on typical youth problems on the basis of 's Word. Leaders for these sessions will be from the s of youth themselves, since they will be able to elicit fruitful discussion among their fellow youth. nother feature of the Missoula convention will be parate and complete convention for the adults attend- the sessions in Missoula. Such names as Schiotz, hlin, Birkeli, the Lilje's, Kretzmann and many r outstanding men and women will grace the adult gram. They will also be participating in many ele- ts of the youth convention. One of the things that dictated this arrangement is the limitation of space, e enthusiasm has risen to new heights in anticipation Missoula.

he evening sessions of the convention will include top Lutheran youth leaders in the nation. Morning ons will give emphasis to evangelism, missions,

rway Work Camp

ade up of 24 members from all of our ELC colleges, under the direction of Professor Arne Flaten, these h will build a Bible Camp near Hamar, Norway. y will be joined in the fellowship of study and work a similar number of Norwegian youth. The Amer- youth will, of course, have some time to visit other pean countries before returning to the States in the Already requests have come for similar ventures in r places in the world. The project is instigated and nced by the YPLL through voluntary contributions are given to the Volunteer Services Program. The h themselves will be investing $650 of their own ey for the privilege of taking part in this venture. a unique example of young lives willing to be neled for their Savior's use.

Some leaguers are planning to camp out on the way to and from Missoula.

Bible Study and Vocations. There will be a host of special events including a western-style rodeo, a buffalo barbecue, district recreational competition, special excursions to near-by points of interest, and many other similarly exciting opportunities. Many pilgrims to Missoula will include Glacier and Yellowstone parks on their itineraries.

Many pastors and adult sponsors testify that an international convention often does more to enliven their League than any other type of special emphasis. It has the advantage of combining such youth-appealing qualities as adventurous travel, mass fellowship with youth from all sections of the nation, outstanding speakers and the excitement of necessarily elaborate preparations. The Spirit has used these elements to confront youth with the Living Christ, who pardons them and enriches their life for an eternity.

This has been called the "last" YPLL International Convention. It is the "last" convention only because of a new and glorious era that is about to be written by the Lord of Christ's youth. The next convention will be one in combination with the other great bodies of youth who will be uniting with our Church in 1961. The reassuring theme, "Built on the Rock," will remind youth again that there is only one Foundation upon which the Church is built—"the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Pre-Missoula Schools, July 11-15

A school for circuit and district youth leaders and

An air view of Montana State University, site of the last International YPLL Convention, July 16-21.

another for adult sponsors for youth groups will be provided immediately preceding the International. Some sessions will run concurrently, but most of the training will be provided to meet the differing needs of these two groups. Each circuit is asked to select a capable sponsor from one of its Leagues who will be able to attend the sponsor school and return to set up a similar training procedure for the other adult leaders of youth in the respective circuits. This is a new venture of the YPLL, and has received enthusiastic reception by many lay leaders in the Church, because of their felt needs for such assistance. The Advanced Leadership Training School has been conducted biennially for the past several years for circuit and district officers. It will now be offered each year to assist the large number of capable and consecrated youth who have been elected by fellow youth

Rev. David Preus, South Dakota District League President, registering leaguers from his area.

to fill these responsible places of leadership. Each circuit, in order to send their circuit president and lay sponsor are asked to provide $50.00 each as an equalization fee, with the major part of the cost which remains being borne by the YPLL.

Youth at The Lutheran World Federation

Another great opportunity for youth, especially in the Midwest, is provided by LWF Youth Day, August 24. Youth groups who plan to attend may write to the YPLL office and procure free tickets for the plenary session that morning. There will also be a parade in

Bishop Hanns Lilje

the afternoon, consisting of thousands of marchi youth bands, floats, headed by the Hon. Hanns Lilj Parade Marshall. Bishop Lilje will also be the spea for the mass youth rally in the evening which include a 5,000-voice choir.

Foreign Youth Visitation

The Young People's Luther League through its trict organizations will route through the U. S. fourt foreign youth who will be delegates to the LWF Asse bly. Several congregations, large and small, will h the privilege of hosting these youth for a week. T will also visit Bible camps, leadership schools and so of the institutions of our Church. These outstandi youth have been carefully selected and will repres LWF churches from Asia, Africa and Europe. T will be mature youth, many of whom have been steel in persecution and trial. They will come to obse something of the vitality of the youth movements this country, but will also come to give richly of the selves and the Lord who has given them a victori faith.

Pre-Assembly Youth Conference, August 5-11

These foreign youth together with the outstandi youth from our own country will meet in a special stu conference preceding the Assembly near Onamia, M nesota. Many of the finest representatives of the LW will be on the program, which will feature the int change of ideas from the several Lutheran youth grou around the world.

A BUSY SUMMER!

Yes, this will be youth's biggest and busiest summer! It will be busy, but this also means that unparalleled opportunities are afforded for deepening the spiritual lives of Christ's youth. The opportunities are there. It will be up to pastors and parents and youth leaders to see whether youth shall make use of them. Many of these chances will never again prevail in such abundance.

God is moving mightily among His Youth in our da We dare not block His path. We can only thank Hi for the marvelous demonstrations of Pentecost pow with which He is blessing the many youth groups wi eagerly look up to Him for infiltrations of the Spir Youth's biggest summer! What will it mean to the you you know?

The Months Move Ahead of the Dollars

is not a reason for discouragement, but the months 1957 are ahead of the dollars which we need for the rk of the ELC in 1957. To have courage in maintain- ; the work entrusted to us is first of all to know the ilable facts, not to live in a state of "pretend."

The nearly 2,700 congregations of the ELC have sent nearly $900,000, which is 14.7 per cent of the total ded to meet our current budget. Last year these con- gations had sent in 22.2 per cent of the amount ded. The reasons for this situation in 1957 income probably beyond simple analysis. Each congregation its own problems, spiritual and economic, which ist be considered sympathetically and forthrightly. me of the reasons which seem most evident are:

(1) Many congregations receive special Lenten and ster offerings which are planned for Benevolences, or issions," as we often call the entire work of the urch. With Easter coming later this year, it means t receipts in May will probably be heavier than last r. The opening days of May seem to show such a nd.

(2) The considerably increased budget for 1957 will naturally reduce the percentage of the total for the opening months, except for those parishes which made careful plans for the added responsibilities. Not all congregations have made their plans soundly enough for these new responsibilities. The size of the task hasn't quite dawned.

(3) There may not be the same sense of obligation toward a self-determined objective that there is toward an apportionment. We doubt if this makes any difference in most places, but there are signs that it is true in a few places, and that might be enough to make the difference between reaching and falling short of our total goal.

God has given us the money necessary to do this work and much more. The problem of the Christian Church is usually not economics but surrender, usually not the need of sacrifice but of willingness to admit that that which we have is from God and is to be used to serve His purposes.

RAYMOND M. OLSON
Director of Stewardship

1957 BUDGET INGATHERING

April 30, 1957

DISTRICT	1957 Objective	Raised - 1st quarter 1957 Amount	Per cent	Raised - 1st quarter 1956**
tern	$1,463,890.00	$204,951.58	14.0	$ 273,560.54
rthern Minnesota	631,166.00	89,716.02	14.2	116,386.35
uthern Minnesota	1,281,540.00	211,280.90	16.5	268,472.09
uth Central	593,682.00	82,057.63	13.8	125,163.03
uth Dakota	569,249.00	71,135.20	12.5	118,713.23
rth Dakota	670,634.00	94,881.71	14.1	111,196.76
cky Mountain	257,516.00	37,978.97	14.7	50,591.42
ific	296,693.00	45,541.38	15.3	52,106.64
lifornia	231,828.00	44,447.85	19.2	42,250.35
nada	108,011.00	15,532.79	14.4	14,650.19
District		85.75		
	$6,104,209.00*	$897,609.78	14.7	$1,173,912.08

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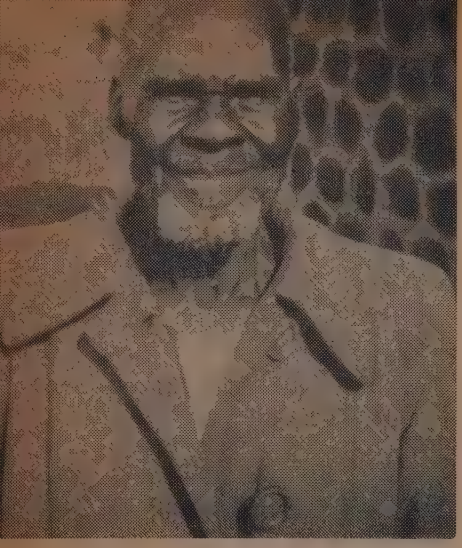
ncludes Regular Budget and Luther Seminary Development Fund

Foreign Mission Diary

Rolf A. Syra



Moses was formerly a chief, and was one of the first men to come to the mission. He first worked for the mission and was later baptized.

Leaving Ngaoundere March 15, we planned to be in Garoua-Boulai that night. That is a fairly easy trip for a day, but we got up early in order to have time to visit Meiganga and Djohong on the way.

Meiganga

In less than two and one-half hours we were at Meiganga. This is the center of the southern part of our mission field—the larger section of the field—where the work is mostly among the Baya people. In this area evangelization has been outstandingly successful.

Besides the Baya people there are also other tribes. The Fulani people are often found in positions of government, and are also engaged in raising cattle. The Hausa people are coming into the area as traders. These two groups are Mohammedan. The Bororo are an interesting semitic group, seminomadic, who follow their herds of cattle from one good grazing ground to another. They are friendly people, but it is difficult to evangelize them because of their nomadic nature. The Bororo and the Baya are pagan tribes, each with its own simple religious beliefs. The differences of tribe and language are a special problem for missionary work here as elsewhere in the Camerouns.

Meiganga is one of our larger stations, with a well-developed school where the pupils are taught in the French language and where there is a large congregation. There are many villages in the district, each with its own Christian group and chapel, a clinic, and an orphanage. The Union Lutheran Seminary, soon to be erected, will be located there.

Djohong

Djohong (sometimes known as Doumba), in the eastern section of the field, is one of the newest mission stations. I had not been there before, and was surprised to find two residences for missionaries, a fine native church, a school, and a dispensary there.

The Reubin Johnsons and Paul Nostbakkens are in charge of evangelistic work, and Harriet Stovner is in charge of the dispensary and serves as parish worker. The Gospel has spread, and most of the villages in the district (Mbere) have chapels and catechists. All financial needs are met by the Christians themselves.

Missionary contact was made in the Mbere district from Meiganga as early as 1941, but was limited to annual evangelistic trips made through trackless country among people who were afraid of the white man. There were few results. Then things were changed by a Baya Christian.

Paul Tenbar of Beka, in the Meiganga district, heard the Word of God when Andrew Okland spent two days at Beka in 1946. He felt God's call, let one of his two wives go, and decided to learn the Gospel. He came to Meiganga to buy a pencil and was given a Gospel by Matthew in his native tongue. This was the happiest day of his life, and he learned to read by asking help of every literate person he could find. After he had steeped his soul in the Word he became concerned for the souls about him. One day he dreamed that God was calling him to the Mbere District. He was baptized and set out with his family for this area in 1948, making his home Djohong.

Shortly after he arrived there one his children died. The people of village expected him to follow heathen practice of accusing someo of responsibility for the death. P called the people together for a pra meeting and thanked God for what had done. This made a deep impress on the people who realized that he h something they did not have.

Reubin Johnson was the first r dent missionary. When he arrived 1953, there were seven Christians, catechumen class of 35, and a readi class for children. There were eig catechists in the district, each gather the few believers in their areas into formal congregations, all induced carry out this work by Paul Tenb The work is now widespread a growing. Paul has been elected by Christians of the district to be distr evangelist and is spending a couple years at the Bible School to quali

Bororo woman and child, selling but and homemade utensils made from gour

nself better for this work. He spends ry vacation period in work on the d. Even during this term at school is salaried by the people.

aroua Boulai

Six years ago, Garoua Boulai was a le village without much life and with all promise of growth. Now it has banded into a center of truck travel h a growing business. With no rail-ds, trucks are the main means of nsport and communication. Some erprising truckers have put seats ng the sides of their trucks—presto, have bus travel—something like old trains—part passenger, part ight. There is a filling station and age in Garoua Boulai now, and re is promise of a post office and egraph.

Our mission work is also growing. e evangelistic work is expanding, d this place, in the heart of the Baya e, near our stations in French Equa-ial Africa, has been selected as the for our second hospital. The school for missionary children is also located here.

The American School is always a lively place. With an enlarged missionary staff, and because it also serves children of the Lutheran Brethren Mission, the school has grown. When I was there last, classes were held in a little room of sun-dried brick with thatched roof. Now there is a single-room school building of permanent construction. The dormitory is still the home of the missionaries living there, but there are plans for enlarging the school to two rooms and for building a regular dormitory. The latter has been approved by the Board, and construction will begin soon. One of the big services our Church can render to the missionaries is giving their children good school opportunities. Miss Irene Knutson is the only teacher; one more is sorely needed.

Dr. Mandsager is in charge of the medical work, with the assistance of Mrs. Trygstad. Sigurd Larsen is in charge of the evangelistic work, and he and his wife serve as houseparents for the school children.

Medical work is of increasing importance on the Sudan field. Surgery ranges from simple dental work to major operations. Dr. Mandsager is pictured at work in the clinic at Garoua Boulai. Dr. Eastwold performs a major operation in the hospital at Ngaoundere. He is assisted by Corinne Johnson (left) and Myrtle Noss (right).

taying Power for Christians

Harold B. Kildahl, Jr.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
June 9, 1957
Text: John 15:1-11

his is not advice on how to become a Christian. This advice on how to remain a Christian. Staying power: at's what this is all about. The figure is simple and ite clearly understood. A tree and its branches; and eryone knows that a branch severed from the tree will ther and die and be useful for nothing more than to rt a fire. The Boy Scouts know about such things. he proper place for a branch is attached to the tree, ere to produce both foliage and fruit. From this figure r Lord wisely offers counsel to His disciples (and to u) on how to remain a Christian.

What does He say? Look into the text a bit and come vay with some thoughts that it clearly suggests.

First this: Stay close to Christ. Now that will not , really, because it is just a pious cliche. The question rns on "how." *How* shall one stay close to Christ? here is only one way, and that is to stay in close touch th the Word. It is in the Word, the living Word, the rnal Word that one finds and appropriates and profits the life and work of Christ. For through the Word the Holy Spirit mediates the redemptive work of Christ to the heart of the man to his soul. If you want staying power, find it in the use of God's Word. It was given for your knowledge and strength.

Secondly, this: Take seriously the command of the Lord as you find it given in the Word. If there is any reason for the weakness of the Church and the weakness of the Christian in meeting the assault of the world around him it is lack of seriousness in hearing and heeding the command of the Lord. Let's face it—Christians are Christians for a purpose. They are to "bear fruit"—which simply means that they are to pass the truth of accomplished redemption in Christ on to others through witness, service, charity, and love. If you want staying power, find it through the exercise of the gift of faith in daily living.

Thirdly, this: Find time to cultivate and nourish your soul through prayer, knowing that "it shall be done unto you." That is the promise given by One who can and who did promise, whose promise is sure. You can believe the promise; test it and try it; but above all take it and make it your own as you day after day rise a little higher in the process of becoming the saintly child He wants you to be.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hester

TOWARD TRINITY SUNDAY

The Epistle: I John 3:1-10

The Gospel: John 15:12-

Monday, June 10
KNOWING GOD
Read Romans 11:33-36

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

A great scientist, speaking on the proposed launching of the man-made satellite, admitted that the more we learn about the universe the more we learn to understand that God is unsearchable and inscrutable.

The Apostle seems swept off his feet when he makes his statement to the Romans respecting the greatness of God. And it is true that God is so far beyond the grasp of our minds that we feel tempted to shake our heads and say, "God is too great for my ability to understand Him."

While this is true, it is equally true that God has revealed Himself to us under the image of Father. This term we can easily understand, and we are encouraged to make our approach to Him as His own children. Within this frame we also see the glory and the greatness of God, for this reveals the nature of His compassionate love.

We praise and give Thee adoration, Heavenly Father, for Thy love. Amen.

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Tuesday, June 11
DO YOU KNOW?
Read John 3:1-15

"Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this?"

Nicodemus was a learned man and he could tell you a great number of things. He knew the history of the people of Israel, and could debate matters of law. But he didn't have all the information. In fact, he lacked one bit that stopped him from understanding the salvation Jesus had come to bring.

It is an old truth that it isn't how much you know but what you know that counts. To be a good Christian you ought to be in the know on a number of things, but at the very heart of it you have to know the simple, yet astounding truth about the way of salvation.

That is the difference between Nicodemus and the humblest of unlettered Christians. When Nicodemus learns the simplest lesson his great knowledge becomes vastly useful. Jesus made it clear: Whoever believes in Him has eternal life.

Make our knowledge count, dear God, so that our wisdom shall be of the saved. Amen.

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Wednesday, June 12
IT SHOWS
Read I John 3:1-10

By this it may be seen who are children of God, and who are the ch dren of the devil.

There are many games we play wh we hide the facts and the other play are asked to guess what we have in mi or what we are acting out. Since it i game and all in fun, it does not mat whether the answer is discovered or n

In the real business of being a follow of Christ or of the devil, no one needs guess which one you are—at least for long. You see, the truth comes o In this life you follow one or the oth it is impossible to follow both at same time. And whoever it is that you in bondage to will show in your life.

Catherine the Great, Empress of Russ was fooled for a while by the fake villa that were thrown up to make her thi that the peasants were happy and thrivi but she soon discovered that it was all trick. We can't for long play tricks w the soul.

Make us true in our faith, O God, a help us to let it show. Amen.

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Thursday, June 13
IT GROWS!
Read Matthew 13:31-35

"It is the smallest of seeds, but when it is grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree."

Faith as something important has a way of getting passed up by the wisdom of the world. "Faith? Oh, that's something the Christians talk about, and make so much of. But I don't get it!" So it is made light of.

Faith in the mind of the believer is sometimes a deeply marvelous thing, because he knows that even though it is weak it has power to work the greatest miracle there is, namely salvation.

This is what Jesus was saying about faith. Sure, it seems insignificant and it comes and goes. Sometimes it is strong; sometimes weak and wavering. But always it is the difference between salvation and lostness.

Faith grows. It develops and bears fruit. It becomes a tree. There is the fruit of peace and joy, of righteousness, of godly life.

I believe; help Thou my unbelief. Amen.

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Friday, June 14
THE CENTRAL TRUTH
Read Titus 3:3-7

The saying is sure.

How much must you know to be saved? The Apostle has put it down for us in these glowing words: "He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in the hope of eternal life."

"The saying is sure," Paul says. And heartily we agree. Here we have the central truth of the Gospel story.

Can I depend on it? Indeed I can! But let me be sure that I trust Christ for my salvation; and distrust myself and all else. Then, relying entirely upon what Christ has done for me, I go on in all confidence, living for Him and serving where He calls me. The Holy Spirit in me and with me, I can bring victory for Christ, in my life and through it.

Make me fully sure of salvation, O Christ, and faithful in Thy service. Amen.

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Saturday, June 15
MOUNTAINS
Read Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Gali to the mountain to which Jesus had dire ed them.

Many good things happened on h places in Scripture. In the Gospel sto Jesus sat on a hillside when He delive what we call the Sermon on the Mou Three disciples saw Him transfigured o mount. And here, on a mountain in G lee, Matthew tells us, Jesus said farew to the eleven disciples, told them to go into all the world with the Word, a He promised to be with them alwa Good things happen on God's high pla

You will note the obedience shown the eleven. "They went . . . as they h been directed." Jesus has good things mind for those who are obedient to directions. For us, too, living today, same truth applies.

The route to high places with G always starts at the lowly place of co fessed sin. This beginning promises ele tion to the heights of God's grace a mercy.

Bring us up upon Thy mountain, God. Amen.

THE CHURCH in Today's World

je in Latin America

Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, sident of the Lutheran World Fed- tion, is scheduled to leave early in ne for a tour of South America.

On June 16 he will dedicate the wly-built Resurrection Church in racas, capital of Venezuela, which o serve a Lutheran congregation of out 2,000, mainly of German, Lett, ngarian, and Scandinavian origin.

Following a visit to various other uth American centers, Bishop Lilje l proceed to the United States where is scheduled to participate in meet- s of the Lutheran World Federation l the World Council of Churches.

Before he leaves for his overseas , the Lutheran leader will undertake reaching tour of the Soviet Zone of rmany.

stor's Drama Acclaimed

A religious drama authored by an st German Lutheran pastor has ned high acclaim from a leading ater critic.

The Rev. Guenter Rutenborn's "The n of Jonah" was hailed by Brooks kinson of the New York Times as emarkable play from every point of w. "In an hour's time it concen- tes the passion of mankind," he said, ling that it is "a profoundly moving uiry into guilt, addressed specifically the postwar world."

Mr. Atkinson's review was written en the drama was presented by dents of Union Theological Semi- y in early May. His laudatory com- nts evoked such widespread interest t a capacity crowd saw the last of ee scheduled performances. Because the heavy demand, additional per- mances are contemplated. Broadway d television producers, it was re- ted, are also interested.

Pastor of a small parish near Berlin, Mr. Rutenborn wrote "The Sign of Jonah" shortly after World War II and it was first published in 1948. The play was performed in German at the World Convention of Lutheran Youth held in connection with the Second Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation at Hannover, Germany, in 1952.

It was translated into English and was given its American premiere at the national Ashram of the LSAA in 1953, then was published the following year for use by amateur groups. While it has been given by a few churches, it has been most popular as a vehicle for college dramatic societies.

Clergy-Bartender Team?

A proposal that clergymen and bartenders team up in counseling people with troubles is included in a statewide mental illness prevention program suggested to the California Medical Association.

Dr. A. D. Schwartz, chief of the mental health service of the California Department of Public Health, said such a team, along with other professions, might detect and nip in the bud much potential mental illness. "These people learn about the other fellow's problems much earlier than the psychiatrist," he said. Dr. Schwartz proposed that psychiatrists meet with these "caretaker personnel" to guide their counseling.

"Many bartenders and preachers are good listeners and have the knack of helping a person unload his troubles by listening to him 'talk them out.'" he said. "Most people with troubles don't go rushing to a psychiatrist. They go to their preacher, to a neighborhood bar, or to a friend."

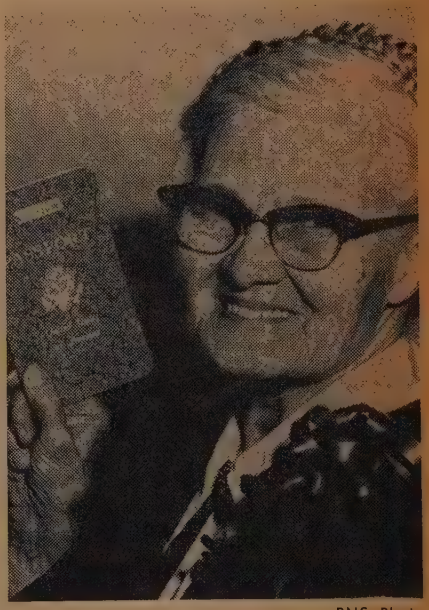
150 Years in China

More than 1,000 missionaries, Chinese Christians, and others interested in the Far East attended a service of thanksgiving at Riverside Church, New York, for 150 years of Protestant work in China.

The service commemorated the arrival in China in 1807 of the first Protestant missionary—the Rev. Robert Morrison of the London Missionary Society. He is credited with making the first converts to Christianity in the Manchu Empire. Dr. Morrison also translated the Bible from English into Chinese characters, so that new and prospective Chinese Christians could read the Gospel in their own tongue.

The service was sponsored by the China Christian Fellowship of New York and 15 denominational mission boards.

An original Chinese hymn, "Church of China Rise and Stand," was sung in both Chinese and English by the congregation and the Chinese Chorus of New York.



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78-YEAR-OLD-MISSIONARY A great-grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Anthony of Abilene, Texas, waves the passport which she obtained before flying to Lagos, Nigeria, to serve as a volunteer Southern Baptist missionary for six months. She will teach native Bible classes.

Moslems Pulpit Guests

Moslems from half a dozen Middle East countries will occupy pulpits in Universalist churches across the country on Sunday, May 19, it was announced at the denomination's headquarters in Boston.

The program, sponsored by the Universalist Service Committee, seeks to increase cultural and religious understanding between the liberal Christian community and the Moslem world.

In communities where it is not possible to secure Moslem pulpit guests, the announcement said, the local minister will speak on "The Cultural Contributions of Islam" or use worship materials derived from the Koran, sacred book of Moslems.

During May, pupils in Universalist churches and church schools are collecting clothing, shoes, and blankets to be sent to refugee camps in the Middle East.

New Deaconess Home

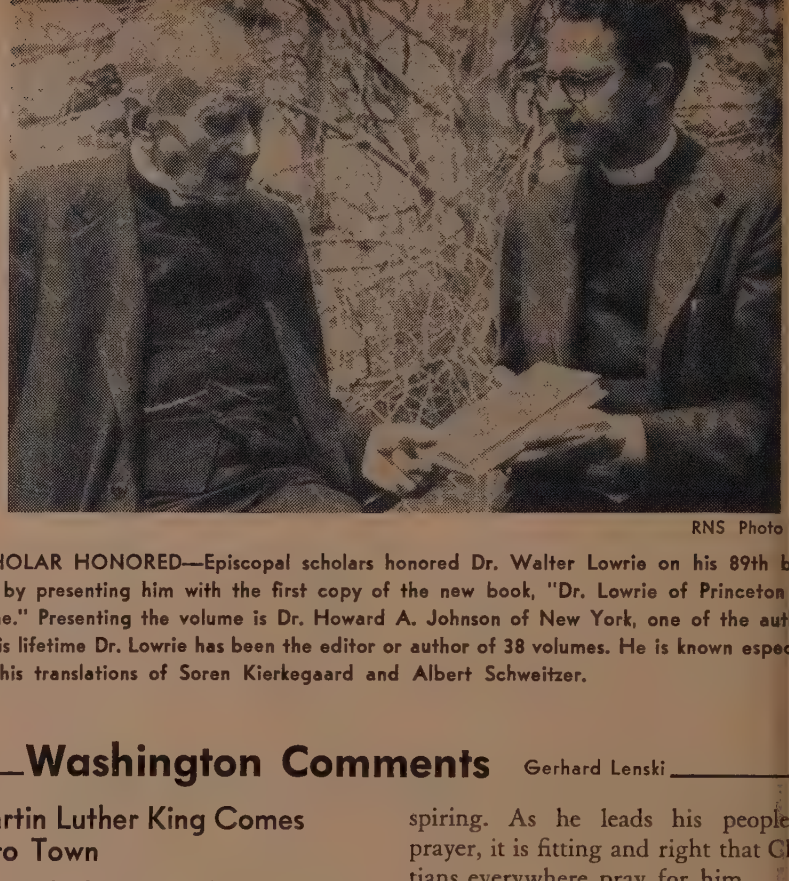
The Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse of Milwaukee, Wis. (ALC) recently dedicated a new five-story deaconess home. The new $690,000 building contains 70 rooms. The ground floor includes a communion wafer bakery, an assembly, and classroom and recreation space. The first floor includes living rooms, a library, and dining and office accommodations. The 51 bedrooms are located on the top three floors.

News Briefs

• Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of the new independent state of Ghana has warned that activities of "certain sects" will be restricted despite guarantees of freedom of religion. He specifically cited Jehovah's Witnesses, who do not take part in voting and ignore other affairs of state.

• The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod plans to launch mission work this year in the Republic of South Korea and will be the first Lutheran group to enter this field.

• Plans were announced this month for the establishment of the first Seventh-Day Adventist university in the United States. It is expected that it will be located in the Washington, D. C., area.



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SCHOLAR HONORED—Episcopal scholars honored Dr. Walter Lowrie on his 89th b day by presenting him with the first copy of the new book, "Dr. Lowrie of Princeton Rome." Presenting the volume is Dr. Howard A. Johnson of New York, one of the aut In his lifetime Dr. Lowrie has been the editor or author of 38 volumes. He is known espec for his translations of Soren Kierkegaard and Albert Schweitzer.

Washington Comments

Gerhard Lenski

Martin Luther King Comes to Town

Recently the Reverend Martin Luther King of Montgomery, Alabama, led his Prayer Pilgrimage to the Lincoln Memorial here in Washington. "Give us the ballot," he said in his address. In almost antiphonal style the great crowd before him chanted, "Give us the ballot." This Prayer Pilgrimage was arranged by Negro leaders as a kind of moral and spiritual appeal to President Eisenhower and the Congress in behalf of integration and improved conditions for colored people throughout our land.

The addresses were strong and earnest, but devoid of excessive emotionalism and without threats of recrimination. Representative Powell of New York did charge both Democrats and Republicans with dishonesty and hypocrisy. One of the finest expressions made was that of the president of the Porters Union, Mr. A. Philip Randolph, who declared, "We are opposed to the use of immoral means to attain moral ends."

Martin Luther King, from all reports, is a fine and capable leader. The appeals he has made to his own people to conduct themselves as Christians in their effort to gain their rights are inspiring. As he leads his people prayer, it is fitting and right that Ch tians everywhere pray for him.

Federal Aid for Education

Federal aid for education contin to be a subject of hot debate. Str forces—those of the Administra and those of the National Associa —are very much for it. But there other forces, probably not so well ganized but numerous nonetheless, posing it for varied reasons. If t can unite in a common opposition, t are likely to prevail against it.

Much can be said on both sides this question. If Federal aids m Federal control, then such aid is t questioned. But President Eisenho says emphatically that his program d not employ Federal control, that h actual expenditure and the adminis tion of any aid funds is to be a local level and by the states themsel

It is understandable that prosper states with good schools will hardly cheered to have tax funds siphon away from their own schools and c munities into less prosperous st with poorer schools. It is also un standable that Southern states sho oppose federal aid for public sch

he condition of acceptance of these
ds is integration. These issues con-
ıe unresolved. It will be interesting
watch their development as debate
tinues.

Whatever is finally done, it is not
ɔe denied that there are inadequate
lic schools in many of our states
that funds to improve these schools
not presently available. It is a fur-
fact that inadequate schools in
ıe of these poorer states are now
tributing to the tension associated
h the integration problem. If the
sident's plan is not approved, what
er plan shall we follow? Or shall
simply take things easy and stop
rrying about the whole business?
at is your answer?

e Farmer and the National Budget

enator Thye of Minnesota has won
ise for clarifying some false impres-
ıs regarding the overall cost of the
m Program to the United States
vernment. In a recent White House
ference, figures were given the press
icating that the cost of the Farm
gram for 1958 might run some-
ere between $4, $5 or even $5½
ion. Reviewing actual appropria-
ıs and payments over a period of
rs, Senator Thye pointed out that
above estimates represent a variety
appropriations, many of which
cely belong to a Farm Program as
n and which benefit the farmer only
htly or not at all. Among these
meat inspection programs, school
ch programs, foreign aid programs,
stry payments to schools, disaster
ations, loan authorizations which
be repaid, grazing leases, sugar tax
ipts, and various anticipated ex-
ditures. On the basis of past per-
nance, the Senator declared that the
rall total for a Farm Program would
bably be closer to one fourth the
billion figure mentioned, and that
this amount only about $760 mil-
would come in any direct way to
farmer.

is regrettable that unclarified
ements should be widely publicized
he press and that explanations such
Senator Thye has given are often
erlooked or given little notice.

Resolution of the Joint Union Committee

Whereas, June 9, 1957 marks the Fortieth Anniversary of the formation of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; and

Whereas, God has abundantly provided this Church with talented and consecrated leadership through these forty fruitful years; and

Whereas, God has richly blessed Lutheranism, particularly in America, through this Church's broad and wise provision for education at all levels, its aggressive evangelistic zeal and works of love, and its consecrated devotion to the teaching and preaching of the pure Word and to the faithful administration of the Sacraments; and

Whereas, We of the uniting churches shall be specially blessed as we shall participate in this rich cultural and spiritual inheritance; therefore

Be It Resolved, That we, the members of the Joint Union Committee of the American Lutheran Church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, join The Evangelical Lutheran Church in its prayers of praise and thanksgiving to our gracious God, and unite in the petition for God's continued blessing upon the leaders and the entire membership of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge our respective churches to join in this prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

Tillman M. Sogge, Chairman
Wm. L. Young, Secretary

Chicago, Illinois
May 17, 1957

SCOUT CHAPLAIN—Twenty-Five Lutheran Seminary students will spend their summer as resident chaplains at Boy Scout camps across the country. They are shown with their instructors at a training session held recently at Tonkawa Training Reservation at Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota. In addition to conducting daily devotional and Sunday worship services, the chaplains encourage work on Church awards, assist camp leaders, counsel with individual scouts and participate in various camp activities. The ALC, Augustana and Missouri synods as well as the ELC are represented among the chaplains.

Grande Prairie, Alta.—Triple evening services were conducted at Trinity Church on May 8 to dedicate the parish's new parsonage, to lay the corner stone of its new church, and to officially open the new church. In charge of the service was Dr. Mars Dale, president of the Canada district, and the Rev. Milton A. Rude, local pastor. Trinity was organized in 1949 by the Rev. E. B. R. Haave and received its first resident pastor in 1954. The population of Grande Prairie has doubled in the last five years making it a promising mission field for this new church.

Fowler, Colo.—Trinity Church broke ground for its new $50,000 church on May 5. It is anticipated that the new structure will be ready for dedication during 50th anniversary festivities next year. The Rev. Marlow Engberg is pastor.

Wayzata, Minn.—A new Wurlitzer organ was dedicated May 19 by Southern Minnesota District President E. C. Reinertson at Minnetonka Church, of which the Rev. Axel Anderson is pastor. Dedication concert was played by Jack Fisher, member of the faculty of Augsburg College, Minneapolis.

Madison, Wis.—Ground was broken on April 28 for the new $250,000 parish house of Trinity Church, the Rev. E. B. Steen, pastor. Trinity's church was dedicated in 1951.

Pierre, S. Dak.—Lutheran Memorial Church will celebrate both 50th and 75th anniversaries during the first week in June this year. The dates represent the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Pierre, out of which the ELC congregation was formed 50 years ago by Dr. T. F. Gullixson, the first pastor. The cornerstone of the new $120,000 parish education unit of the church will be laid during the anniversary festivities. The Rev. Robert W. Ellison is the pastor.

Mabel, Minn.—Scheie Church, the Rev. Percy Larson, pastor, is celebrating its 100th anniversary June 7-9. Speakers on June 8 include a son of the congregation, the Rev. Alfred Itse, and three former pastors: The Rev. Ivar Havneros, the Rev. Phillip Hiller, and the Rev. H. T. Braa. Guest speakers on June 9 are Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota district, the Rev. Orval Schmidt, the Rev. I. R. Gronlid, and Evangelist Allen Lee.

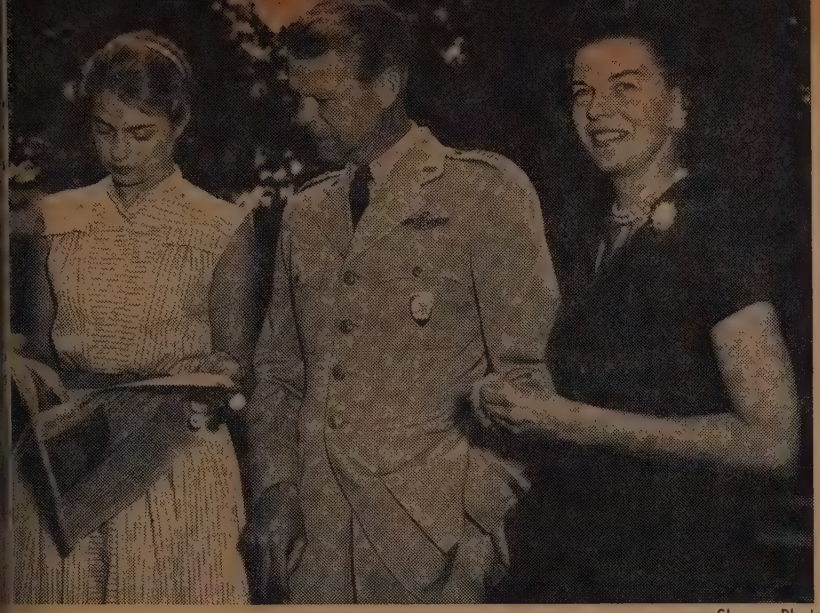
Billings, Mont.—Dedication of the first church unit and parsonage of Good Shepherd Church were held on May 19 with Dr. R. A. Daehlin, Rocky Mountain district president, officiating.

The thankoffering received at ded tion services of this young congre tion were given to the Department Home Missions to provide minim equipment for a new church now be established at Orofino, Idaho. Go Shepherd was organized in Octob 1956 by the Rev. Orvin Bilstad, w was installed on dedication day.

Fertile, Minn.—Maple Lake Chur the Rev. G. L. Halmrast pastor, w celebrate its 75th anniversary July 6

FIRST ANNIVERSARY—Calvary Church, Beloit, Wis., whose first unit church is sho will celebrate the first anniversary of its organization on June 9. Baptized membership this congregation of which the Rev. A. M. Stene is pastor is 515. Calvary is co-sponso by two other ELC Beloit churches, Our Savior's and Luther Valley.

NEW EDUCATION UNIT—this $200,000 youth-education building (right) was dedica on Easter Sunday at Denny Park Church, Seattle, the Rev. Norris Stoa, pastor. Dedicat festivities for the new unit continued through the week after Easter for this 70-year- congregation, which has occupied three previous buildings before its present church erected in 1940.



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ormal picture of General and Mrs. Lauris Norstad and their daughter Kristin, taken at ome near Paris, France.

O Head to Speak

neral Lauris Norstad, Commander North Atlantic Treaty Organi- (NATO), will deliver the ad- at the 82nd annual Commence- at St. Olaf College June 9.

neral Norstad is a Minneapolis and the son of a St. Olaf college us. His brother, the Rev. Fredric ad, a 1935 St. Olaf graduate, is mber of the faculty at Luther logical Seminary.

rstad was made a brigadier gen- n 1943, when he was only 35. made him one of the youngest al officers in army history. As of NATO forces, he holds the ormerly occupied by President nower and General Alfred Gruen- Together with Mrs. Norstad and 18-year-old daughter Kristin, he lives near NATO headquarters at Fontainebleau, France.

Other Commencement exercises which have been held or are being held on ELC college campuses have featured the following speakers: Augustana College, June 3, speaker: Dr. Tillman Sogge, professor at St. Olaf College and chairman of the Joint Union Committee; Concordia College, June 3, speaker: Dr. Gabriel Hauge, economic advisor to President Eisenhower; Luther College, June 3, speaker: Dr. Carl Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation; Pacific Lutheran College, May 26, speaker: Dr. Joseph Knutson, president of Concordia College; and Waldorf College, May 26, speaker: Dr. Sidney Rand, executive secretary of the ELC's Board of Christian Education.

Obituaries

ha Urness Disrud, wife of the S. D. Disrud, died on Easter Sun- t Eagle Rock, Calif., at the age 7 years. Mrs. Disrud attended ville Normal School and St. Olaf ge, and taught in the elementary l system in southern Wisconsin. her marriage to the Rev. S. D. d in 1921, she served with her nd at Oldham, S. Dak.; Huron, ak.; Wausau, Wis.; and Van Calif. In all of these pastorates, Disrud took an active part in lo- arish work as well as in circuit istrict WMF work. In the spring 50, the Disruds moved to Eagle Rock, Calif., to manage and operate the Solheim Lutheran Home. She is survived by her husband, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, her mother, three sisters, and two brothers, one of whom is the Rev. Halvor Urness of Riverside, Calif. Funeral services were held on April 24 at the Solheim Lutheran Home and at Central Lutheran Church in Van Nuys, with Dr. Gaylerd Falde and the Rev. Rudolph A. Ramseth officiating.

The Rev. S. J. Ristesund, pastor of Renton Church, Renton, Wash., died on April 4 at the age of 60, following an illness of only 10 days. Pastor Ristesund came to the United States from Norway 43 years ago. He was a graduate of St. Olaf College and of Northwestern Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He organized the congregation at Renton in 1940. Survivors include his wife, a brother, and five sisters. Funeral services were conducted in the Renton church by Pastors B. T. Gabrielsen and L. S. Masted.

Mrs. Martha J. Stolee, widow of Dr. Michael J. Stolee, died on April 16 at her home in St. Paul, Minn., at the age of 78 years. She was born near Waseca, Minn., on July 27, 1878, attended St. Olaf College, and was married in 1900. With her husband she served on the mission field in Madagascar until 1909. From 1911 through 1941 the family lived on the Seminary campus in St. Paul, where Dr. Stolee was professor of missions. Upon his retirement they lived in north Minneapolis, and Dr. Stolee served as interim pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church from 1941-1945. Since 1946, Mrs Stolee had made her home in St. Paul.

Mrs. Stolee died on Tuesday of Holy Week while her pastor was giving her Holy Communion.

Funeral services were held at St. Anthony Park Church April 20, the Rev. A. G. Lewis, pastor. Dr. Rolf A. Syrdal spoke on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

She was a member of the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul. She is survived by three sons and two daughters, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one brother.

The Rev. Halbert J. Rasmussen died in Northfield, Minn. on April 14 at the age of 83 years. He was born November 5, 1872 in Lisbon, Ill. He attended Capital University, Augsburg Seminary, Chicago Lutheran Seminary, and the United Norwegian Lutheran Church Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1898. His first pastorate after ordination was in Winona, Minn. In 1913 he accepted the call to First and Red Oak Grove Churches in Blooming Prairie, Minn., which he served until his retirement in 1949. Pastor Rasmussen was a director of St. Olaf Hospital in Austin, Minn. and served on the home mission committee of the Southern Minnesota district. Funeral services were in First Church, Blooming Prairie. Survivors are his

wife; a son, the Rev. Halbert Rasmussen of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; and two daughters.

Mrs. Anna Gudmundsen, wife of the late Rev. H. S. Gudmundsen, died in Minneapolis April 27 at the age of 80 years. Funeral services were held at Central Church, Minneapolis and the burial at Callender, Ia. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and two sisters.

The Rev. George H. Nerison died May 4 in Wolford, N. Dak. at the age of 74 years. He was born December 17, 1882 near Hills, Minn. His college training was completed at Parkland College (now PLC) in Tacoma, Wash. and Columbia College, Everett, Wash. He was graduated from Luther Theological Seminary and ordained in 1915. His first call was to four congregations near Wilmot, S. Dak. He resigned in 1917 to serve as a chaplain in the First World War. Following his service in the Army, he again served the congregations at Wilmot until 1928, when he accepted a call to Billings, Mont. In 1932 he was again called to Wilmot, where he served until his retirement in 1940. Funeral services and burial were in Wilmot. Survivors are his wife, two sons, and two sisters.

Announcements

The All-Lutheran Youth Choir will rehearse on July 28 at 4 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis for their part in the LWF Youth Rally on August 24 at the Minneapolis Parade Stadium. All youth and young adults in the vicinity of the Twin Cities are invited to sing in this choir, which will be directed by Oscar R. Overby.

N. Dak. Dist. WMF will meet at Central High School, Grand Forks, N. Dak., June 4-6.

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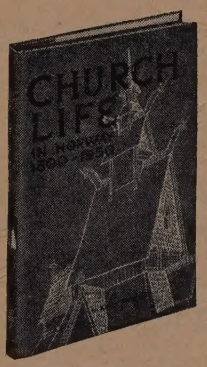

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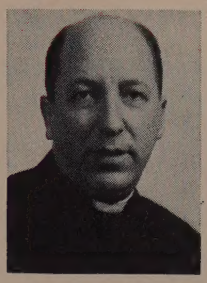
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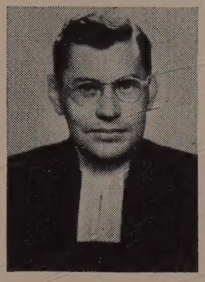
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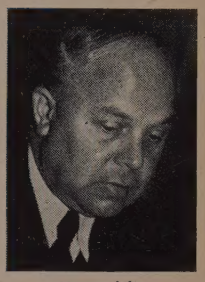
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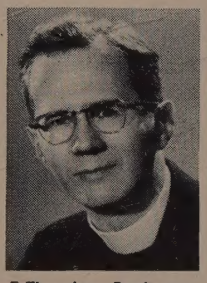
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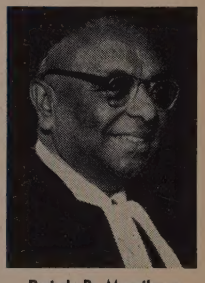
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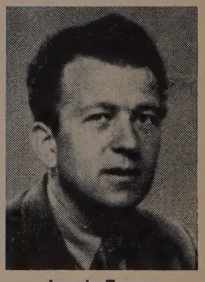
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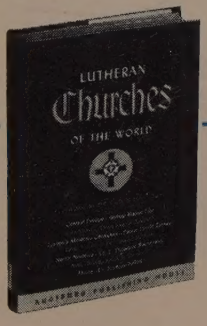

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